

Rabin wants tougher line against Arab disorders

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

THE DEFENCE Ministry intends to continue its moderate policy in administered areas, ensuring security and essential services but not interfering in civilian life beyond that, defence sources said last night. There was some disquiet, it is learned, between top ministers at the end of last week over how to deal with the current unrest in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The issue is expected to be discussed at length at today's Cabinet meeting. Defence Minister Peres said the latest disturbances and on government action to quell them.

The inter-ministerial discord came to a head at a select meeting at Prime Minister Rabin's Tel Aviv office on Thursday.

There had been reports, both from West Bank sources and on Egyptian radio, that nationalist elements planned mass demonstrations in East Jerusalem on Friday, in part to create a propitious atmosphere for tomorrow's special Security Council debate on the West Bank situation.

Premier Rabin and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel advocated a tough approach, while Mr. Peres argued that the security forces should continue to keep a low profile. Also present were Ministers Allon and Zadok.

The Defence Minister was overruled, and large reinforcements of police and soldiers were brought into the Capital on Friday and were much in evidence during the mosque services — which ended almost without incident.

Government sources pointed to

the success of this operation and suggested that similar tough action be taken in the future. But the Defence Ministry — responsible for Judea and Samaria but not for Jerusalem — will not, at present, adopt this approach in Hebron, Nablus and other tension-torn West Bank towns.

In Jerusalem, police and security forces have been actively persuading shopkeepers to open up, whereas in the West Bank commerce strikes have been allowed to run their course unhindered.

Defence sources said the Ministry's policy was to ensure security, and essential services such as water and garbage collection. If the population wished to deny itself open schools or open shops — this was its own affair and the Israeli authorities ought not to intervene.

(Peres view col. 4 below)

Compromise possible on 'Barkai'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Treasury spokesman said yesterday that his office will "definitely" implement the Barkai committee recommendations on specific allowances and also insisted on a wage freeze this year.

A senior Treasury source said, however, that "at the moment we're not talking of compromises but I suppose a way out is possible." This could be done by adopting the proposal of the minority in the Barkai committee.

The minority recommended a 1.7 per cent wage increase to all civil servants in April as the allowance is reduced, and a similar increase in October when the rest of the allowance is abolished.

On Friday, the Histadrut, after a six-hour meeting of its Central Committee, backed out of its advance undertaking to implement the Barkai committee recommendations. This conflicted with a decision of the ministerial committee on wages to abolish the allowance by October.

Sadat tightens Cabinet in bid to save economy

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Anwar Sadat was last night due to swear in a new cabinet which incumbent Premier Mamedouh Salem formed on Friday. The reshuffle was designed chiefly to cure Egypt's economic ills.

Most ministers in the outgoing government, formed last April, have retained their portfolios, but some ministries have been combined with the reported aim of promoting efficiency.

Ismail Fahmy remains Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister while Lt. Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gansay retained his post as Deputy Premier and Minister of War, taking charge also of the Military Production portfolio.

The new cabinet intends to introduce a strict austerity economy, and reforms in development planning, as well as in local military industry based on assistance from the West.

Observers did not expect the change to affect foreign policy. Sadat's purpose is to consolidate his control of the domestic scene in face of near economic collapse, abetted by pro-Soviet leftist opposition and pan-Arabian siding with Syria's criticism of Sadat's independent line on Middle East affairs.

Gamasy buying arms in Paris

PARIS. — Egyptian War Minister General Abdel Ghanem Gamasy arrived here on Friday to negotiate the purchase of military jets, helicopters, spare parts, radar and missiles, French officials said.

The Egyptian minister is also due to attend high level demonstrations and visit French nuclear installations. (JTA)

Sharon may quit post this week

The Prime Minister's spokesman refused to comment last night on reports that Arief (res.) Ariel Sharon is to resign this week from his post of Adviser to the Prime Minister.

Sharon may well, even if not in the near future, return to activity in the Likud (which he founded). Another reserves general, Ezer Weizman, recently announced his own return to Likud politics.

Peres reveals:

Early warning system along hilltops

By SEAYIA SHAPIRA
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An early warning system is being set up on the hills along the borders from Mount Hermon down to Jerusalem and further south, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said on Friday.

"After the Yom Kippur War, Israel's natural fear is to be caught napping," he told the weekly luncheon meeting of the Engineers club. Expensive electronic devices have therefore been put in place on the heights. Our neighbours, Peres said, have been busy erecting a similar "electronic wall."

In a modern war, Peres went on, the qualitative advantage of devoted and well-trained people on the ground may be countered by the very advanced nature of modern weaponry. The ratio of one-to-three between the forces of Israel and those of its Arab enemies should not be taken as a "normal" starting position from which Israel is bound to win. That was why

Five die in pre-dawn fire in Netanya hotel

38 hurt in mystery blaze

By AVRAHAM YAHIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — A pre-dawn fire swept through the Park Hotel here yesterday, killing five persons and injuring 38 others.

Three of the five dead were identified as Swiss tourists, Avraham and Marcelle Cohen, aged about 55, and Gertrud Somerstaad, 67, of Norway. The identity of the other two victims was withheld, but later identified one of them as Talia Fuchs, 27, of Petah Tikva.

The fire, which began at 4.40, was believed to have started in the four-star hotel's nightclub "One Up," where The Platters had appeared earlier on. The club closed at 3.30. The night watchman, apparently the only person on duty at the time, called the fire department.

Officials said the firefighters were on the scene quickly, and reinforcements from Tel Aviv, Ra'anana and Kfar Saba were immediately called when the extent of the fire was known. Some of the guests, however, later claimed the first fire engine arrived only 30 minutes after the first alarm.

As firemen set up hydraulic ladders for rescuing the sea-front hotel's 200 guests, many of those entrapped by the flames in the lower floors made improvised lines from sheets which they tied together while others tried jumping down. A large portion of those injured were treated for broken limbs suffered in jumping.

Of those suffering from burns and smoke inhalation, eight were reported in serious condition, and two of them were listed as critical in Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The injured were taken to the Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera, Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, Rambam Hospital and Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva.

During the three hours of rescue operations, while firemen and volunteers searched from room to room, there was no way to determine how many persons were missing, as the hotel's guest list had apparently burned in the blaze. A helicopter was summoned and hovered overhead, but its services were not required, in the end.

It took the firemen nearly four hours to bring the flames under control, and an investigation into

its causes began immediately. While police do not rule out arson, they said it would be difficult to establish the cause because of the extensive damage done by the fire to the lower stories — including the nightclub.

One of the proprietors told the police he left the place at 3 a.m. after making a check and finding all was in order. The manager of the nightclub said he left even later, and nothing was amiss — and a similar report was made by the hotel's security officer, who said he left at 4 a.m.

The proprietors yesterday denied emphatically there had been threats made against them by racketeers demanding protection money. However, Mayor Avraham Ezer-Menahem of Netanya told *The Jerusalem Post* one of the proprietors had complained earlier of threats made against the hotel. It was also learned that there had been a dispute going on for some time among the partners who own the 90-room hotel, built three years ago.

On Friday, shortly after midnight, there was a scuffle at the entrance to the nightclub, when five young men wanted to get in without paying the IL180 admission fee. Police were called, and three of the men paid while two others went away before the police arrived.

Of the 200 guests staying in the hotel, 150 were Israelis — many of them employees of the Israel Aircraft Industries and their families — and 50 were tourists from Western Europe and the U.S. Most of those rescued were taken to the nearby Gan Hamelech Hotel, many clad in pyjamas with all their effects left behind.

By last night, only seven of the injured remained in Hillel Yaffe Hospital, in fair condition. Five were still in Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, also out of danger. One tourist, Irene Grossman, whose condition was serious, was taken to Beilinson. In serious condition at Rambam Hospital were: Adolf Grossman, 60, who suffered fractures of the spinal column and burns; Zehava Zilberman, 35, with burns; and Yehudit Ofant, 60, who suffered burns and smoke inhalation.

A group of Americans from Miami, in Israel for a three-week



THE IMPROMPTU fire escape — bed-sheets tied together — used by hotel guests to escape yesterday morning's blaze. (Pinkson)

visit, included the following who were injured: Mrs. Tina Lieb, Mrs. Burt Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Darman, Mrs. Ree Brown and Joe Rubin — all members of Temple Menorah in Miami Beach.

A U.S. consular official, who went to Netanya to help the fire victims who had lost their clothes and passports, said Mrs. Brown was very seriously burned. The others' injuries ranged from moderate to serious.



THE RECEPTION lobby of the Park Hotel, Netanya, after yesterday's catastrophe. (Pinkson)

Syria persuades Lebanese to institute new transition rule

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
SYRIA has persuaded most of the factions in Lebanon's 11-month civil war to agree to a transitional administration. This would replace the "orderly" replacement President Suleiman Franjeh, the formation of a coalition cabinet and the reunification of the country's disintegrated armed forces.

The transition administration would also try to rehabilitate the Lebanese economy, implement partial reforms introducing parity between Christians and Moslems, and prepare national elections for new President and a Parliament which would name the new President.

The Syrian formula was committed last night following talks with leading Lebanese Moslem politicians. Their visit to Damascus led a series of consultations with the representatives of the various factions in the Lebanese civil war.

The three leaders, Premier Rashid Karawani, Parliament Speaker Kamel Assad and former Prime Minister Sa'eb Salam were a day later than scheduled. Their planned trip on Friday was upset when the Syrian military plane which they were about to board was hit by two rockets at Beirut airport. The three men escaped unhurt though the plane burst into flames.

Christians and Moslem leftists exchanged accusations over who sabotaged the plane. Phalangist leader Pierre Gemmayel put the blame on the leftists and the Palestine Liberation Organization, saying both have constantly sabotaged the Syrian mediation effort. He hinted that both the radical leftists, who oppose the Ba'athist wing ruling Syria, and the PLO were unhappy with Syrian attempts to restrain them and have the Lebanese themselves solve the crisis.

Meanwhile, the Syrians so far have not said who is their favourite

to be the new President. But they made clear that, despite leftist opposition, they wished to retain the tradition of having a Christian President and a Moslem Premier. The army, it was understood, will henceforth have a Christian commander-in-chief and a Moslem deputy commander as well as a Moslem Chief of Staff.

The commander of the Beirut garrison, Brig-Gen. Aziz Ahdab, threatened over the weekend to accelerate his 10-day-old slow-motion coup against President Franjeh unless the latter's military and civilian followers accept the Syrian mediation formula.

Pro-Franjeh and pro-Ahdab supporters yesterday exchanged mortar fire in Beirut and other areas in a new flare-up which threatened to rekindle the Lebanese civil war. Fighting was reported to have raged through the predominantly Christian Mount Lebanon area, which has remained relatively clear of hostilities so far.

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Golan	100	6-9	6-9
Nahariya	72	11-16	9-18
Safad	95	5-8	5-9
Tiberias	10-16	10-18	10-18
Nazareth	97	8-11	8-12
Afula	98	10-15	9-16
Shomron	99	9-10	6-12
Tel Aviv	78	11-15	8-17
B.G. Airport	91	10-16	9-18
Jericho	38	12-20	10-22
Gaza	70	12-18	10-19
Beerzheba	74	10-18	10-19
Elil	16	16-22	16-23
Tiran Straits	25	17-23	17-25

Social and Personal

The President of the French Senate, Alain Pöher, who serves as honorary president of the French Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, will today visit the construction site of the new Shaare Zedek Medical Centre and view the projects supported by the French Committee. In the evening, Pöher will be honoured at a dinner in the home of Prof. David M. Maier, Director-General of Shaare Zedek, with the participation of the Minister of Health, Victor Shernitov.

Joseph Szydlowski, the noted French industrialist who has endowed the Neuro-Diagnostic Institute in the New Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, will be a special guest.

Mayor Teddy Kolek met last week with members of the City Council of Zurich: Hans Frick, councillor in charge of police; Max Kohler, in charge of finance; Felix Giesler, secretary of the Police Department; and Hans Brunweller, secretary of the City Council.

Professor E. Vogel, head of the Organic Chemistry Institute of the University of Cologne, has arrived at the Department of Chemistry, the Technion, to serve as visiting professor for three weeks.

The WIZO Club, 50 Sderot Moriah, Haifa, will be addressed by Stef Wertheimer, at a luncheon to be held on Wednesday, March 24, at 12.30.

ARRIVALS

Werner Selzer, regional manager of Swissair for Eastern Europe, to attend a conference of Swissair representatives from Eastern Europe at the Jerusalem Hilton.

Other Arab opinion divided on land protest Nazareth votes to join gen'l strike

Jerusalem Post Staff
Nazareth's recently elected Rakah (New Communist) town council on Friday voted to call on all townsfolk to join a general strike being planned for March 30 over expropriation of land in Galilee for development projects.

Meanwhile, a number of Israeli Arab figures, while also protesting the land plan (which involves 20,000 dunams of both Arab and Jewish-owned land), condemned the projected strike as harmful and deliberately aimed at disrupting Jewish-Arab relations in Israel.

The special session of the Nazareth Town Council, called on the strike issue, was attended only by the 11 members of the Rakah-Academics coalition. The six councilmen affiliated with the Alignment and the National Religious Party boycotted the session. It called on Nazareth residents to go

'Drastic economic measures needed'

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The Government's economic policy is too mild and will not create the structural changes necessary to save the country from a grave economic crisis, Yoram of the Bank of Israel declares in a memorandum written for internal circulation in the bank.

Drastic measures are needed, including 25 per cent devaluation, he says.

This will push up prices. In order to make sure that the standard of living drops — by a recommended 10 per cent — he stipulates that no Cost-of-Living Allowance be paid.

The Government must slash its own expenditures, which means cutting staff, he claims. Several methods are recommended — a freeze of wages in the public service over the next two years, a freeze in the recruitment of civil servants, and measures (such as the transfer of fringe benefits) to encourage labour mobility away from Government employment towards growth sectors in the economy.

He believes that the policy of cheap housing and development loans ought to be abandoned. All long-term credit should be linked. The Government should at the same time restore full linkage on its borrowing, to increase savings.

Yoram warns that Israel has been subsisting in the last two years with the aid of palliatives. Some \$800m. has been sacrificed out of the foreign-currency reserves; short-term loans have been taken to the

tune of \$1,000m.; and the authorities have drawn on massive American assistance. These sources are not renewable in the future.

Another method adopted by the authorities in conserving resources was to halt economic growth. Yoram, a senior economist in the central bank's Research Department, points out that the economy is currently producing 20 per cent less than it would be if the GNP (Gross National Product) had kept increasing as before. "If the remedial measures had been taken in 1974, we could be back in the growth league," he says.

Questioned by *The Jerusalem Post* last night, Arnon Gafny, Director-General of the Treasury, stated that he has not seen the report, which had reached the press without being discussed with the Government. Economic policy is in fact coordinated with the Bank of Israel, he recalled, and is expressed in the national budget, as published together with the state budget.

Concerning specific points of criticism, Gafny pointed out that the annual rise of 6-8 per cent per capita in private consumption before the Yom Kippur War was converted into a 5 per cent decline last year. The currency has been devalued by close to 70 per cent since November 1974. Exports are now on the rise once more.

"It is absurd to say that nothing was done. Economic problems cannot be solved overnight — it takes time," he said.

ALLON: PEACE IS UP TO THE ARABS

By SEAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Foreign Minister Yigal Allon on Friday advised "those who want the momentum for peace to continue" to address themselves to the Arabs, rather than to Israel.

"We want peace," Allon said. The Arab side "might ask a price for non-belligerence that we would be unable to accept." He was answering reporter questions at the Press Club here.

The unrest in the territories, Allon said, had been caused "partly by incitement from without," partly by ignorance of the facts. The High Court decision that Jews should be barred from praying on the Temple Mount still stands, and there is also a rabbinical injunction that Jews must not set foot there.

Camp Kaddum, according to Allon, should be evacuated of Gush

Emunim settlers, who should be offered a site "in areas where the Government considers it important to settle."

If the National Religious Party leaves the Coalition, he added, "I shall be undismayed."

Israel, Allon went on, has no objection to American economic help to Egypt, whose economic position is dismal. ("Visitors coming from Cairo say it is worse than Calcutta.") That a nation in such condition wants to spend so much on arms is worrying, however, because it shows that the trend of Egyptian thought is not directed to peace.

On the Palestinian problem, Allon said a humanitarian solution should be found. "But it is not the cause of the Middle East tension — rather, the Palestinians are being used by Arab nations to foster their belligerent aims."



An Arab boy and an Israeli soldier "head" a soccer ball between them despite Friday's tension in Jerusalem's Old City.



Moslem leaders are shown here calming a crowd of congregants who sought to stage a demonstration after Friday's services at Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem. The crowd dispersed peacefully. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Hope for U.S. veto at UN debate

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

ISRAEL IS HOPING THAT THE U.S. will veto a Moslem draft at the Security Council condemning Israeli actions in East Jerusalem, and towns in Judea and Samaria. The Council debate is to begin tomorrow, and Pakistan and Libya have already circulated a "working paper" which they want submitted as the draft resolution.

A number of Western member-states may seek to moderate the paper's wording in diplomatic behind-the-scenes contacts.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry sources said Israel's delegate, Haim Herzog, would take part in the debate — despite the participation of a PLO representative. Israel's boycott of the Council debate in January, because of PLO participation, had not been intended as a precedent applicable in all cases, the sources explained. Israel takes part in meetings of UN agencies and other international bodies where the PLO is present.

Mr. Herzog has been instructed to deliver a "strong" address and to take an "active" part in the

proceedings, the sources said.

The Pakistani-Libyan paper noting the recent disturbances in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, recalls UN resolutions demanding that Israel rescind "measures" taken and "changes" made in these places, and "condemns" Israel for its "failure to put a stop" to these "measures" and "changes." The paper refers to the "deep concern" felt throughout the world at Israel's "changes in Jerusalem."

It also calls on Israel to cease at once the "repressive measures it has unleashed on the inhabitants of East Jerusalem and the other West Bank towns," and to cease "desecration of the Holy Places," "expropriation of Arab lands," and "establishment of Jewish settlements thereon."

Wolf Blitzer writes from Washington:

FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY contacts with the State Department, Israeli officials here remain uncertain regarding the likely U.S. position in the Council debate.

Informed diplomatic sources in Washington and New York said yesterday that the U.S. was study-

ing the Libyan-Pakistani "working paper."

The sources said that neither Secretary of State Henry Kissinger nor President Ford, both of whom are out of town, had as yet seen the working paper, although other State Department officials are examining it.

During the informal debate on the West Bank and Jerusalem issue that took place on Friday in the Security Council, the PLO took the behind-the-scenes lead in pressuring the Islamic bloc to raise the issue.

The sources said the session would probably be rather short because the African states are anxious to resume the debate on the Angola crisis, scheduled on Tuesday. In fact, several African delegations at the UN have let it be known that they resent the Arabs' insistence that this issue be taken up at this time, arguing that most of the valuable time of the Council has already been allotted to the Middle East.

Heading the U.S. delegation at the Security Council will be former Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton, who only took up his new post last week.

(Scranton — Page 4)

Oil slick from E. J'lem electric company 'killed' Wadi Fara

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AS IF VENTING its own internal problems, the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Corporation has for the past few months been releasing large quantities of oil runoff into the countryside east of its Shuafat power plant.

A black oil slick coats the bottom of Wadi Fara for five kilometres, reaching to within 800 metres of the Ein Fara spring. The spring was formerly the principal water supply for East Jerusalem and is still widely used by local residents and flocks of sheep. Fourteen kilometres ahead lie the Wadi Kelt springs, the principal water source for Jericho. The flow has killed all plant growth in its path, polluted waterholes used by flocks, and created a major eyecore in an area designated by the Jerusalem Master Plan as a nature reserve.

A Nature Reserve Society ranger, Eytan Besser, first spotted the oil flow six months ago. His report was shuttled between various authorities until two months ago, when the plant was inspected by officials from the Jerusalem Municipality, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the West Bank Military Government.

The inspectors found pipes leading from storage tanks leaking oil. Old and faulty pipes in the plant's cooling system were leaking water. The grease trap supposed to separate the oil from the water was clogged and useless. Through a broken drainage pipe a mixture of

oil and water was running into the wadi at a rate estimated by the municipality at four cubic metres — the equivalent of some 60 full bathtubs — an hour. It had been doing this round the clock for months.

The physical difficulties at the power plant have occurred during a period of serious friction within the company's hierarchy. These began with the discovery of large-scale thefts of fuel oil from the plant by a company employee a year ago. A new chief engineer appointed in the subsequent reorganization was beaten in circumstances that are unclear, and he resigned. Because of internal disputes, seven of the 16 members of the board, including Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freil, no longer attend board meetings.

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The company is regarded by Israeli engineers as an economic and technical anachronism. "It's idiotic to drag fuel oil 80 kilometres up from the coast to burn it in inefficient generators when we have large efficient units on the coast," says an IEC official.

Political leaders, however, see it as important to give East Jerusalem residents as much self-expression — including commercial self-expression — as possible. The Government, however, has not responded to the company's requests for loans to enable it to buy additional generators. Close to half of its electricity is purchased from the IEC, supplied through links at Ramat Eshkol and Gilo.

The municipality on Friday lent the company the one pump it had capable of drawing the oil out of the clogged greasepit, thereby stopping the flow. The remedy, however, is only a temporary one. The company has pledged to make permanent improvements which will cost, according to a municipal official, IL500,000.

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CHARLOTTE KAMM 577

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who passed away at an advanced age. The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery.

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The funeral of

Prof. MAX GLUCKMAN 577

who died on April 18, 1975, will be held at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 1976. He bequeathed his body to science.

THE FAMILY
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Yitzhak Molcho, scholar, at 82

Sephardi scholar Yitzhak Rafael Molcho, one of the founders of Jerusalem's Rehavia quarter, died yesterday in Jerusalem. He was 82.

The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria funeral hall at 2 p.m. tomorrow for the Mount of Olives cemetery.

Born in Salonika (then in Turkey), where he helped organize the first Zionist youth movement, Molcho early in World War I convinced the Greek Foreign Minister to issue a declaration supporting the idea of a Jewish state in the Holy Land. In 1919 he settled in Israel, and it was in Jerusalem that he produced the works on the Spanish Jewish heritage, including "Otzar Yehudi Sephardi" that brought him the recognition of the Spanish National Academy of Sciences and of the Greek, Colombian and Brazilian governments. He was also a Jerusalem Worth.

He leaves a son, Discount Bank deputy general manager Rafi Molcho; two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. (Ihm)

Establishment unfazed by Eban

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Government circles professed themselves unperturbed over the weekend by the criticism of Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Labour's new "steering forum" voiced at a meeting of Labourites called by Abba Eban late Thursday night.

The meeting, at Eban's Herzliya home, was attended by some 30 Labour activists — Knesset members, Histadrut officials and others — all from the former Mapai and Rafi factions.

Eban himself set the tone in an opening speech, referring to a leadership malaise within the party and the paralysis of its elected institutions. He accused Rabin and Secre-

tary-General Meir Zarmi of ruling as an "oligarchy."

Among those present were MKs Yossi Sarid, Avraham Silberberg, Zvi Gershuni and Shalom Levin. Histadrut No. 2 man Uriel Abramowicz, Tel Aviv and Haifa party branch secretaries Dov Ben-Meir and Uri Agami, and leaders of the Lashuv and Young Guard groupings within the party. Many of these had earlier expressed publicly or privately reservations at the formation and composition of the "steering forum."

Establishment loyalists felt that Eban was seeking to harness some of this dissatisfaction in a bid for support for his own leadership aspirations.

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'Traded IL4m. in securities'

Remand extended for lep'y banks examiner

TEL AVIV.—The remand of deputy manager of banks Yitzhak Grossman, arrested on March 6 on suspicion of breach of trust, was on Friday extended for another six months at the hearing Grossman's attorney acknowledged that his 34-year-old client was not cooperating in the investigation. But he noted that the highly profitable IL4m. worth bond trading which police said Grossman engaged in while deputy manager of the Bank of Israel's State Loans Administration was not against the law—although it might have been an "aesthetic flaw" in a technical sense.

Det. Meshne Nathan Rasdin, head of the State Loans Administration during this time, had access to much important information on what was going on in the securities market, the detective said there was suspicion he had committed breach of trust by using confidential information for his own profit.

Furthermore, police suspect he might have been bribed by one of the parties to the deals. Also, there may have been a theft from the First International Bank, as the securities had been sold for less than their real price, with Grossman perhaps splitting the extra profit with the official who bought or sold the securities.

Grossman's attorney, Zvi Hachoen, told the court that there is no law in Israel against a Treasury official trading in securities, whatever scale. It was natural that a Treasury official's brain would be full of information on securities, and while his buying and selling such securities might be a public or aesthetic flaw, it was a long way from breach of trust, the counsel said.

The attorney added that there were no grounds for the police suspicion. Grossman had used his sister-in-law's name, the lawyer explained, because he did not want "to make himself a show-window," seeing that he was in a public post.

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Grossman's cumulative profit, according to IL201,000, the detective said. The deals always involved the International Bank, whose a-securities manager, Moshe Rabinovitch, was being investigated. The bank and sell orders were always given by Grossman, the detective said, the sister-in-law having nothing to do with the account.

Noting that Grossman, as deputy



EARLY-MORNING SHOWER.—This police car skidded off the road and onto a burst water main at 3 a.m. Friday on Rehov Golomb, beneath the Holyland Hotel. It was one of several which arrived on the scene to divert traffic after the pipe sprang a leak and flooded the road. It took the other men, aided by a police tow truck, over an hour to extricate their comrade from the high-pressure shower. (Avi Tal, Emka)

Thatcher M-E trip proves stability

of British political situation

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON.—The fact that Margaret Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Opposition, is proceeding with her three-day official visit to Israel starting today indicates more than anything else the underlying stability of the political situation in Britain, irrespective of the current contest in the Labour Party to succeed Harold Wilson at 10 Downing Street.

Despite her call for early elections, they are not expected to be held before autumn of next year. By then not only will the new Labour premier have managed to mould his image, but the country will have got increasingly used to the idea of having Margaret Thatcher as the alternative.

Thus Thatcher's visit assumes a greater significance than when it was originally planned with the Israel Embassy in London. For Israel's leaders may well be entertaining someone who may be the first woman Prime Minister of Britain.

Her visit to Israel follows her recent mission to Egypt and Syria. In Cairo she listened to her hosts and said very little; in Damascus she annoyed her Syrian hosts by calling for peace in the Middle East and denouncing terrorism in very strong terms.

It will be interesting to hear what she has to say at her press conference scheduled towards the end of her visit to Israel. She turned down a request here for an interview by this reporter, on her return from Damascus and Cairo, explaining she would refrain from spelling out her views until she had visited Israel.

When she addressed the meeting of Ajez (Anglo-Jewish Ex-Servicemen) in her Finchley constituency some months ago, however, she reiterated her party's faith in UN Security Council Resolutions 242

'Strikers put Eilat Port's future in doubt'

TEL AVIV.—The Government will have to make grave decisions on the continued existence and development of Eilat Port if workers there do not resume work on containers, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said Friday.

The workers must realize that Eilat's port could compete with the Suez Canal and the northern ports only if they accepted realistic norms, he said. He was speaking at the Commercial and Industrial Club.

The Ports Authority director-general on Friday reiterated that the Authority was willing to accept the ruling of a professional body on what constitute appropriate norms, but it could not agree to arbitration not based on professional considerations.

The workers have been striking the container section of the port in demand that norms be set lower than at Ashdod and Haifa Ports, in direct negotiation with the workers themselves.

Canners can't buy sardines of Gaza fishermen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The Agriculture Ministry has ordered the Gaza Strip Military Government to forbid the sale of sardine catches to the Israeli canning industry, until the industry reaches agreement with the Fishermen's Union over the purchase of catches by members.

Union secretary Dov Schmiede told The Jerusalem Post that the Gaza fishermen were able to undersell them by about one-third. Consequently, the canners did not want to sign the annual contract. He said the Commerce Ministry also had agreed not to issue any more import permits to the industry for fish. A meeting will be held on Thursday over the union's demand that existing permits be cancelled.

Schmiede warned that if an agreement was not reached, the 400 sardine fishermen would be forced to dump catches in the main streets of the cities. Their catch averages 1,500 tons, of which one-fifth is sold as fresh fish. The season starts next month.

Schmiede stressed that the union was not trying to keep out the Gaza fishermen, but only to prevent them from being used as a lever against its members. The union was ready to leave open the price to be paid for the sardines, pending a ruling by the Government, although their production costs had risen 30 per cent, he added.

Bosun of Niuta acquitted of calling illegal strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The bosun of the Israeli ship Niuta, Rafael Zebak, was acquitted on Friday by the Seamen's Disciplinary Court of the charge of having illegally called the ship's ratings out on strike last September 3, when the ship was in Mississippi River port.

By ruling that the strike — which lasted three weeks — had been legal, the court upset the decision of the Marine Officers' Union that the strike had been illegal and amounted to a mutiny. The court's ruling, which was appealed, had argued that Zebak had no right to call the strike.

Zebak, however, was found guilty of three disciplinary infractions and was reprimanded for each of them. He was fined a total of IL900.

According to the court, the 1975 Shipping Law — under which the court itself was constituted — specifically rules that in "urgent cases" of labour disputes aboard ship, the customary prior notice and 15-day "cooling-off period" before the strike may be waived.

The order for the strike on the Niuta, concerning an overtime dispute, had been radioed to the ship by the secretary of the deckhands division in the Seamen's Union Ratings, Moshe Levy, after consulting with members of the union secretariat. According to the court, the law only requires majority agreement in the secretariat to make the strike legal.

Both sides were given 30 days to appeal the court's verdict.

Wick withdraws presidency bid, Rotary 'relieved'

EVANSTON, Illinois. — Ex-Nazi Wolfgang Wick has withdrawn as a candidate for the presidency of Rotary International, according to an announcement from the service organization here on Friday.

Rotary's current president, Ernesto Imbassah De Mello of Brazil, said that Bermuda Businessman W. Jack Davis has been nominated for the post in place of Wick. De Mello conceded that Rotary had been "relieved" by Wick's withdrawal from the nomination, which had caused protests in Europe and Israel.

Lucian Harris, governor of Israel Rotary, told The Jerusalem Post last night: "In our strenuous opposition to Wick's candidacy, it was encouraging that we were in the company of Rotarians of conscience from all over. I personally was approached by Rotarians from London, New York, Australia, Italy and Holland."

Manpower figures for 1975: More service workers, fewer in industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the Government's much-touted campaign to get more workers to shift from the services manufacturing, the general trend in 1975 was in the opposite direction. While the number of workers in production work fell in 1975 by 1.5 per cent, the number engaged in commerce rose by 3 per cent; in the public services, by 5 per cent; and in finance and banking, by 8 per cent.

The figures are in the latest year-end report — just published — on the size and profile of the nation's civilian labour force.

While the number of civilians aged 14 and above who held jobs last year grew by 1.3 per cent — to 1,133,000 — the number of women in the labour force grew by 3.5 per cent, to a total of 377,000. The number of male workers remained unchanged at 760,000.

According to a breakdown by manpower experts at the Central Bureau of Statistics, 65 per cent of Israel's males 14 years and older were members of the civilian work force last year — a drop of 1 per cent from 1974. In contrast, 31.7 per cent of Israel's female population in that age classification were working last year, up from 31.5 per cent a year earlier.

The biggest drop among the men workers was noted in the 25- to 34-year-old age bracket. Their representation in the work force fell from 88 per cent in 1974 to 86.8 per cent last year.

Among the women, the sharpest increase in the number of jobholders occurred among the 25- to 34-year-olds (up from 41.7 per cent in 1974 to 44 per cent last year) and among those aged 35 to 44, where the growth was from 37.7 per cent to 41 per cent.

The manpower experts also disclosed that the number of work hours last year, on the average, was 38 a week — no increase over the figure for 1974.

1,000 tires in sea form first artificial reef

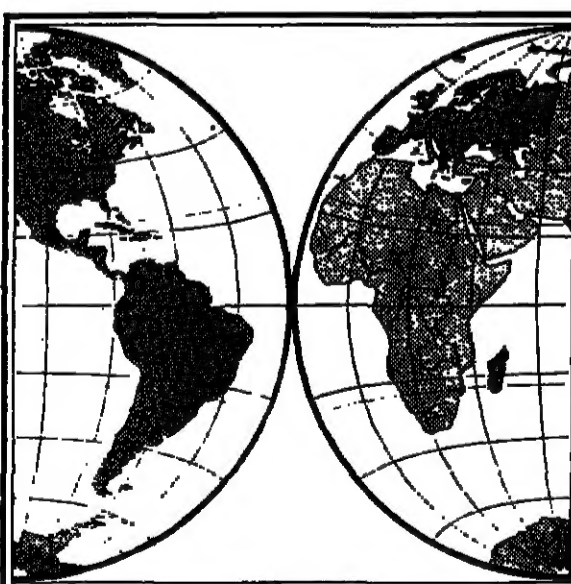
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—A thousand concrete-weighted tires were lowered to the sea bed off Shikmona at the southern end of town Friday, to form the first artificial reef in the Mediterranean. The reject tires were contributed by the Alliance Tire factory.

The reef will fill a double purpose—attract fish colonies for easy fishing and serve as a concrete waste disposal. The project costs IL30,000 and was carried out by bodies concerned with fishing and ecology.

During the next year and a half, divers will check the reef. If found to be serving its double purpose, more tires will be lowered into the sea along the entire coast. Various solid wastes that now disfigure the landscape — old pipes, building materials, etc.—also will be used to build the reefs.

THE PORT OF GAZA, idle for the past four months, resumed work on Thursday with the docking of the Diamond, a freighter bringing 5,700 tons of sugar from Germany. Additional freighters are expected at the port.



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Soldier held for shooting into crowd

A soldier suspected of shooting at demonstrators in Abu Dis, outside Jerusalem last week, wounding three of them, was remanded on Friday for 15 days by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court. A charge of attempted murder is being considered against him.

The police said Bezalel Dehan, riding as a passenger in a military vehicle on Wednesday, fired several bursts into a crowd of demonstrators when they stoned the vehicle in an area under Jerusalem jurisdiction. A boy of 10 was critically injured in the head, and a girl of 14 was also badly hurt.

The boy, Ali Hussein Afana, was operated on for 4½ hours by neurosurgeons at Hadassah Hospital on Wednesday. He was reported still in critical condition yesterday, in the intensive care unit.

Bezalel Dehan was said to be cooperating with the police investigators. However, he told the court he had nothing to say.

The case, according to police, may be transferred to the Military Police as soon as the civil investigation is completed.

Standing instructions to soldiers travelling in the West Bank call for shooting only when faced with a direct threat to one's life. The procedure to follow, according to army instructions, is to shoot first in the air, and then, if still necessary, to shoot to wound, unless one identifies a source of direct fire.

ZOA to convene in Israel next year

NEW YORK. — The 80th national convention of the Zionist Organization of America will take place in Israel from July 6 through July 13, 1977, it was announced Thursday by Leon Iltovitch, ZOA national executive director.

The delegates will also attend the opening ceremonies of the Maccabiah (Jewish Olympics) at Ramat Gan stadium, "for which we have already reserved 1,500 seats," Iltovitch said. (JTA)

Smith pledges never to allow black rule; Rhodesia talks off

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith vowed yesterday that he never would allow black majority rule in Rhodesia but he opened the door for a government of blacks and whites working together.

At a press conference called following Friday's collapse of constitutional negotiations between himself and Black Nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo, he also appealed to Britain to play an active role in the effort to settle the Rhodesian crisis.

But Britain rejected the appeal. In London, the British Foreign Office declared that "there is no question of the British Government becoming involved in these talks until it is clear that Mr. Smith accepts that there must be an early transition to majority rule in Rhodesia."

Smith told newsmen that his white minority government is prepared to bring in blacks and that Rhodesians would have to accept in future that the country would be governed by blacks and whites. At present Rhodesia's 274,000 whites rule over the 5.7 million black majority.

Smith said: "I don't believe in black majority rule ever in Rhodesia — not in a thousand years. I believe in blacks and whites working together. If one day it is whites and the next it is blacks I believe we will have failed and I believe it will be disaster in Rhodesia."

Smith partly blamed Britain for the breakdown in his talks with Nkomo, leader of the domestic wing of the African National Council (ANC). He said the Labour Government participated on a one-sided basis in Rhodesia by consulting only with the ANC. This had resulted in the ANC arriving at negotiations backed by Britain to ask for far more than the Rhodesian Government was prepared to offer, Smith said. As a result ANC was unable to give serious consideration to Rhodesian Government proposals, he said.

The talks collapsed because of an unbridgeable gap between the two sides. Nkomo wanted majority rule in one year. But the Smith government was unable to contemplate it before 10 or 15 years at the earliest.

Britain is still considered the legal ruler of Rhodesia despite Smith's unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) from British rule in 1965.

Smith urged the British "to come in now, officially through the front door and accept responsibility they claim they have. We see this as the only way to remedy the damage which has been done."

In Lusaka, President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said on Friday night that Africa had no option now but to help intensify the armed struggle in Rhodesia "which is now in full swing."

In a statement, he said: "The total breakdown of the negotiations in Rhodesia now demonstrated to all and sundry that nothing can be achieved by a peace strategy."

President Kaunda called on the international community and all nations and peoples who believe in freedom and human rights to support the cause of the guerrillas.

(AP, Reuters)



Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith announced his talks with African leaders broke down in Salisbury on Friday. (UPI telephoto)

Autonomy given the Caprivi Strip

CAPE TOWN. — South Africa announced on Friday it will grant self-governing status on April 1 to the Caprivi region of South-West Africa. The announcement appeared to reaffirm South Africa's policy of splitting the mineral-rich territory into self-governing tribal homelands or reserves.

The territory's official language will be Lozi and, like the Ovambo and Kavango homelands, it may have its own flag and national anthem, although it will remain under South African rule.

The so-called Caprivi Strip, which borders Botswana and Angola, has been the site of guerrilla incursions in recent years by the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo). (AP)

Troops in streets as Argentine coup nears

BUENOS AIRES. — Troops and police stormed into a 14-story apartment building near Government House here yesterday in search of Left-wing guerrillas and detained all the residents for questioning, informed sources said.

The operation with armed troops rolling through the streets in machinegun-mounted jeeps, was part of the biggest display of army force within city limits since the last Argentine military coup, in June, 1966.

At the apartment building, troops blasted doors open with machinegun bursts. Officers at the scene said there were no serious casualties. The soldiers then moved on to continue their house-to-house hunt for a terrorist group thought to be planning an attack on an army post near Government House.

General Jorge Videla, the army commander, is said to have admitted recently that the countdown had begun for a coup against the Government of President Maria Estela Peron. But Defence Minister

Jose Debeiza said the general told a parliament committee earlier this week that "my watch is stopped for the moment."

In an attempt to avert a coup, leaders of Argentina's main political parties met Friday night to try to hammer out a joint programme to cure the country's social, economic and political problems. But Labour leaders said privately they had decided to call an indefinite general strike if the military moved to oust Senora Peron.

Police meanwhile refused to comment officially on an apparent attempt to kill Senora Peron as she drove to her official residence in the suburb of Olivos from Government House Friday night. Six linked explosive charges were found beside the 14-lane Avenida Libertador 20 minutes after the presidential limousine had roared past; informed sources said the bombs had remote control device which presumably had failed to work.

(Reuters)

Spain eases ban on parties

MADRID. — The government of King Juan Carlos, in a major step towards greater political freedom, has decided to lift the ban on political parties which has existed since the Spanish Civil War ended in 1939.

It announced last weekend it was revising the penal code of the late General Francisco Franco to enable such parties as the Socialists or Christian Democrats to organise freely.

But communist, anarchist or separatist groups would remain illegal.

The government earlier announced it was removing political associations from the jurisdiction of the Francoist National Movement and allowing under certain conditions, political rallies and demonstrations.

(Reuters)

Rain, wind add hazards to golf play in Caesarea

CAESAREA. — The International Golf Festival ended here yesterday the way it began — in rain and wind providing formidable and unplanned hazards.

The Jerusalem Trophy for the individual championships was shared by 18-year-old Barry Mandel of Savoy and Dennis Hughes of Haifa, each returning scores of 79 gross.

Elaine Berman of Jerusalem won the ladies event with a score of 90, one stroke better than Aliza Zuckerman of Kir Shmaryahu.

The best net score of the day, 68, was returned by Shlomo Chelouch of Tel Aviv. Jim Langridge of the Canadian embassy was second with a 70 net round.

KREISLEY. — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia yesterday received Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and an accompanying Socialist International delegation, who arrived in Riyadh from Jordan.

Scranton at UN: Must work well with Arabs

UNITED NATIONS. — William Scranton, the new American Ambassador to the United Nations, said yesterday he felt strongly that the U.S. must work well with Arab countries, but totally opposed last year's UN resolution on Zionism.

Scranton, who presented his credentials on Friday to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, said at a press conference later that the U.S. was unalterably opposed to the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

But he said this was only one phase of the Middle East problem. He added, "I think you will find I am very open and ready to work with the Arab countries, as I have always been."

He succeeds Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who often emerged in bitter antagonism with Arab members and third world envoys. Moynihan resigned last month after charging that some State Department officials undercut him.

Scranton, former Governor of Pennsylvania, stirred a controversy in 1968 when, after a mission to the Middle East for ex-President Nixon, he advocated a more even-handed American policy. He referred to this yesterday, saying: "I feel very strongly that the U.S. must work well with Arab countries. I made that very clear some eight years ago, and I believe it to this day."

Asked whether he would continue what many saw as Moynihan's confrontation with the third world in the UN, Scranton said he was a strong adherent of his predecessor.

"I am not the same kind of person and I do not pretend to be, but it does not mean we have disagreements about basic American policy," he said. "I feel very strongly that when America is attacked at the UN, or anywhere else, it should be defended and defended strongly. I intend to do that."

"At the same time, I do not think there is a basic underlying reason for a confrontation between the U.S. and the third world."

(Reuters)

Snowden sadly wishes Meg 'all happiness for future'



Lord Snowden talking to newsmen after his arrival in Sydney on Friday. Right, Princess Margaret shown as she left the Curzon Cinema after seeing the film "Butley" in London last Thursday night. (AP radiophoto)

SYDNEY. — Lord Snowden, his hands shaking and barely able to control his emotions, appealed yesterday for the understanding of his two children in the breakdown of his 16-year marriage to Princess Margaret.

Less than 12 hours after the official announcement from London

Bangkok wants U.S. to close all bases

BANGKOK. — The Thai Government decided yesterday to "terminate U.S. military activities" in the country, including a secret intelligence centre and a large air base, but made provisions for allowing 270 American advisers to remain.

Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj told newsmen after a Cabinet meeting that the U.S. will have four months in which to remove equipment and personnel from its electronics intelligence centre at Ramstein, various radar and communications sites and the sprawling Utapao air base.

But he said that monitoring operations at Ramstein — located 480 kms. northeast of Bangkok — had to stop by midnight last night and that two U.S.-Thai agreements governing the operations of the centre and other "communications and radio research facilities" were null and void.

Yesterday was the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Thailand, but 4,000 were still there. U.S. Ambassador Charles Whitson said the U.S. personnel would leave within the specified time.

(AP)

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Around the world

British linguist released

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines. — Moslem kidnappers yesterday released British linguist Emilee Diment, 36, after she spent three weeks under armed guard in grass huts on an island off southwestern Mindanao.

"These people wanted it known all over the world that there is a revolution going on in this country," Miss Diment said of her captors as she stepped off a launch which brought her out of captivity from Basilan Island, 32 kms. across a channel from this port city. "I was not molested or harmed. I was even well treated. At night, they gave me a mosquito net."

(AP)

Basques kidnap industrialist

SAN SEBASTIAN. — Basque sources said yesterday the nationalistic guerrilla group ETA had kidnapped a 58-year-old industrialist to raise funds for its struggle to set up an independent Basque republic in northern Spain.

The industrialist, Engel Berazidi, was reported missing by his family on Friday and his car was found abandoned in a car park outside San Sebastian.

The family did not say whether they had received a ransom note. But the sources said Berazidi, who owns a sewing machine factory, had received a demand for 10m. pesetas (\$150,000) last year from ETA.

(Reuters)

Ambassadorial rape claim

STOCKHOLM. — A girl has claimed she was raped by the ambassador of a foreign country in Stockholm, but investigations have been halted because he invoked diplomatic immunity, a police spokesman said here.

The ambassador, whose identity was not made public, declined to answer the girl's allegation that about two weeks ago he raped her several times at his private residence after threatening her, the spokesman said. The foreign ministry said the police had informed it of the rape investigation.

(Reuters)

New U.S. man in Peking

WASHINGTON. — President Ford on Friday named former Defence Secretary Thomas Gates as the new head of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking. He said his choice reflected his belief that relations between the U.S. and China were of vital importance.

Gates, 70 next month, was President Eisenhower's Defence Secretary in 1960. He succeeds George Bush, who left the Peking post to become head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

(Reuters)

Irish police seize arms

DUBLIN. — Police in the Irish Republic have seized a haul of arms and cash they said could be part of a big Irish Republic Army board. Arms explosives and cash estimated at more than £100,000 were found in an empty farmhouse near Navan in the Irish midlands.

Later, security forces made a second big arms find near Ballyvaughan, County Donegal, seizing sacks of explosives, batteries, fuse wires, rifles, revolvers and ammunition.

In Dublin, Brendan Magill, the man who once directed the IRA's political activities in Britain, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for membership in the IRA.

(AP)

Housing for ex-Angolans

LISBON. — Portugal announced plans yesterday to house homeless Angolan refugees in barracks, monasteries, school dormitories and passenger liners, in a move mainly intended to free hotel beds in time for the coming tourist season.

A scheme approved by the Cabinet also provides for building 5,000 prefabricated houses by October. Nearly half of Portugal's 8,000 beds are occupied by ex-settlers flown home before Angolan independence last November. Some 400,000 former settlers have returned to Portugal.

(Reuters)

U.S. sending military pilots to ship-clogged Panama Canal

WASHINGTON. — Thirty-five military pilots are being sent to the Panama Canal zone to be used, if it will perform harbour, ship and tug pilot duty if required. Army officials said Canal Zone Gov. Harold Parfitt had gone to court seeking a temporary order directing some 450 civilian workmen to return to their jobs. The day centres on proposed changes in Panama Canal Co. had exhausted all of its own resources in an attempt to keep the canal open, the Pentagon said on Friday.

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Teng's 'evils' compared to Confucius

TOKYO. — The People's Daily, organ of the Chinese Communist Party, has brought criticism of the ancient sage Confucius into the current campaign in China against "capitalist roaders." A Peking broadcast reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the doctrines of Confucius and Mencius are "precisely an important ideological origin of revisionism" and it said the unrepentant "capitalist roaders" were equally reactionary.

"Capitalist roaders" is understood to refer to China's first Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, whose policies have been severely criticized in wall posters and news commentaries recently.

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onto the dump of history long ago. However, the reactionary ideas of the doctrines of Confucius and Mencius do not disappear by themselves. They still corrupt and poison people's minds and are used by right deviationists to practise reaction and retrogression. We must continue to criticize Confucius if we want to thoroughly criticize the ideological origin of the revisionists pushed by the right deviationists."

(AP)

SHORT TERM LOAN

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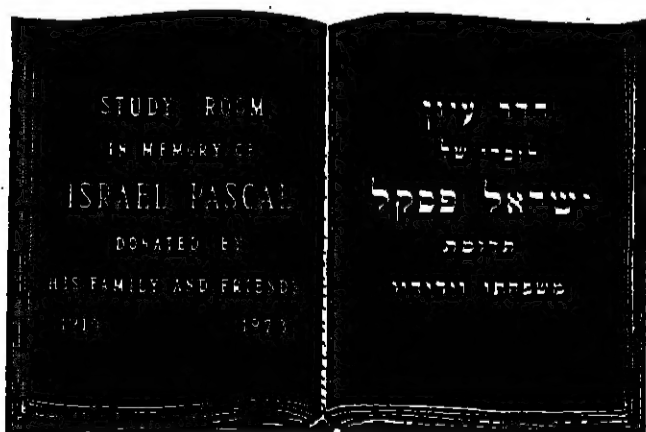
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BANK OF ISRAEL



The Memorial plaque in the study room of the Assaf Harofeh Hospital unveiled on the third memorial day of

ISRAEL PASCAL

It is fitting to praise the deeds of his family and friends — who perpetuated his memory in the Assaf Harofeh Hospital. The Pascal family's association with the hospital began in 1971, under the auspices of the Friends of Assaf Harofeh. At that time, the deceased was the President of the "Brothers" an Israel Social Organization in Montreal. During his term of office, Israel Pascal was in charge of branch activities on behalf of Assaf Harofeh Hospital. At the very beginning of his association with the Hospital, he sent a sum of money to assist in the acquisition of medical equipment. In 1973, he passed away.

His widow, Miriam, his son, Micky, and his partner, Isaac Reisman, continue with what he started, together with Mr. Henry Mirachi, Manager of CPA Airlines Special Sales Department. They now continue with the blessed task of dispatching medical books, valued at over \$3,000, to the Dr. Julius Tish Medical Library at the hospital. A considerable consignment has already been received for the Nursing School.

The Pascal Family and their friends have donated money to the cultural room of the Nursing School, a wooden building constructed during the British Mandate, which adjoins the hospital. With this donation, it was possible to create a fitting atmosphere at the School.

The School has been renovated and refurbished, and air conditioning has been installed. The cultural room was dedicated in memory of Israel Pascal. During his frequent visits to Israel, Mrs. Pascal has visited the Hospital and has added much more. May she be blessed — she and her supporters; may she be blessed with good health and with great satisfaction from her blessed deeds.

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"We don't need any more Savoyons in Israel" — that private assessment was given to the Ministerial Economic Committee some time ago by one of its members. The reference, of course, was to the opulent bedroom suburb of Tel Aviv whose name has become synonymous with a standard of living not in the line with Israel's general economic level.

The occasion was a debate on whether or not the State Lands Administration should grant a long-term lease — on favourable terms — to a group of Canadian investors who sought to build a complex of luxury villas and apartments near Netanya.

The project was eventually killed when the investors having become disgusted with the Israel Government's vacillation and indecision, pulled out of the deal. That was about two years ago.

Yet, a recent visit to the seaside area astride the Coastal Road between Netanya and the Wingate Institute revealed a spanking new Savoyon-like suburb called Ramat Poleg. As in the finest of American or British suburbs, the well-spaced split-levels and cottages suggest that this, indeed, is the way to live. If you can afford it.

"We have 140 units here," Alex Peres, on-site sales agent told me. "Yet, believe it or not, I have already sold all but 17."

The "units," he explained, are of four types: 170-square-metre split-level ranch villas, 155-sq.m. semi-detached homes, 162-sq.m. three-bedroom duplex cottages and cottages with four bedrooms and overall floor space of 176 sq.m.

Peres is agent for Israelom, a Tel-Aviv based firm specializing in the development and marketing of flats and villas to overseas customers. Israelom began selling Ramat Poleg about three years ago, through its network of sales offices throughout the western world. Its sales brochures explained that the Netanya suburb would rise on a 400-dunam tract of land just south of Netanya, between the Kiryat Nordan apartments to the east and the Hof Hayarok country club on the beach, to the west.

The 140 units already standing and now being occupied are only "stage one," Peres explained. "We expect to carry on until we complete our original plans, and cover most of the tract."



Aerial view of Israelom's Ramat Poleg project, south of Netanya.

The way to live — if you can afford it

By AARON SITTNER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

Construction work at Ramat Poleg is by Secom Ltd. Builders and Developers, with interiors completed to the customer's specifications. Outside the house each homeowner has been assured of a roomy courtyard in front and space all around, wide sidewalks and freedom from overhanging electric and telephone cables.

Building exteriors are a very durable poured textured concrete, tinted a light tan. The colour co-ordinates extremely well with the brown brick panelling on the door-side of the houses. Roofs are of unglazed russet-coloured ceramic tile, and there are no television antennas to mar the symmetry since all Ramat Poleg homeowners have central TV antenna systems fed by underground cable to their homes.

Prices for Ramat Poleg homes are high or low, depending on what you are after and how much you can

spend. The split-level ranch villas, for example, can still be picked up for about \$95,000 each. The four-bedroom cottages go for \$94,000 and the smaller three-bedroom models for \$70,000. Mr. Peres wouldn't quote the price for the semi-detached ranch because he has none left.

To assure a deal at a guaranteed price, the buyer is asked to deposit 25 per cent as a down payment if he pays in dollars, or 50 per cent if he pays in Israeli pounds. As for financing, arrangements can be made for mortgage loans of up to \$20,000 at eight to eight-and-one-half per cent interest.

Who has been buying homes here? The Jerusalem Post asked Mr. Peres. "There's a difference between Ramat Poleg and Israelom's other projects throughout the country," he replied. "Here, families are generally younger, and the foreign buyers among them, who are the overwhelm-

ing majority, did not buy these units as second homes. They intend to live in Israel all year round. They are mostly professional people — physicians, dentists, lawyers, university professors, accountants — and some will probably open their offices here as well.

"They are moving in every day, and pretty soon they will have their own supermarket right over there. Once that is completed work will begin on a community centre, and after that will come an exclusive country club with a large swimming pool."

We knocked on the door of one of the split-level ranch villas and were invited in by Debora, who apologized for the "empty look around here which is due to the fact that our second lift hasn't arrived yet."

Debora and her husband Avraham — who was away in Tel Aviv — arrived in Israel six months ago from Costa Rica. Though a graduate psychologist, Avraham went into the men's clothing business when he got out of college. The couple and their only child, Ari, fell in love with Israel during a visit a few years ago, and decided to buy a home in Ramat Poleg.

At — now a first grader — brushed past the family's handsome Mercedes sedan parked outside and ran to his mother, explaining in a mixture of Hebrew and Spanish the story of Furim he had just learned in school, across the road in Kiryat Nordan.

Showing us through her home, Debora pointed out the stunning Hollywood kitchen, living room, dining alcove and laundry room on the mid-level. All of the appliances were American, and, like the closets upstairs, were shipped here from abroad.

Three bedrooms and two full bathrooms make up the upper level, and there is a storage room and another bathroom on the lower level.

All the walls throughout the villa were covered either by fine wooden panelling, exquisite vinyl wall coverings or patterned ceramic tiles. Pointing to what looked like a real tanning wall, Debora pulled a lever and the "wall" — formica-on-wood — turned out to be a mask for the bomb shelter door.

"My mother-in-law in San Jose will soon be visiting us," she explained, "and she would be absolutely frightened by the sight of a bomb shelter inside a home. So we brought in a contractor and had the door hidden from sight."

WALL STREET WEEK

Market slows, sags

NEW YORK — Stock prices sagged and trading slowed on Wall Street this past week in a market dominated by uncertainty over the international monetary situation and the outlook for interest rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks dropped 7.79 to 979.55, wiping out about half the 15-point gain it had built up over the two previous weeks.

Other indicators also showed moderate declines, with Standard and Poor's 500-stock index losing 25 to 100.58 and the New York Stock Exchange Composite Index dropping 15 to 53.76.

Trading on the big board set the slowest pace since December, averaging 21.40 million shares a day. In January and February by contrast, the daily average was more than 30 million.

The market began the week with a 13-point drop in the Dow on Monday, following France's decision to withdraw from the joint float system of European currencies.

Analysts said the move diverted investors' attention from the brightening business picture in the U.S. to questions about the progress of the economic recovery in other major industrialized nations.

A second problem for the market was a byproduct of the sharp rise in stock prices over the last 15 months. As those prices went up, they had

the effect of lowering yields available on stock while bond yields held at relatively high levels.

By last week, some influential analysts were speculating that the disparity in yields would soon prompt a flow of funds toward bonds, reducing buying interest in stocks.

Against that background, a wide range of favourable signs on inflation and the economy's recovery from the recession didn't get much notice from the market.

There was a brief flurry of buying Tuesday when the government reported a 27 per cent jump in housing starts last month, as well as a rise in business inventories that seemed to batten increased confidence among corporate managers. But the market pulled back again later in the week, and on Friday it made no response at all to some highly favourable inflation news.

The Labour Department's consumer price index rose only 0.1 per cent during February for its smallest monthly increase in four and a half years.

But the best the Dow could do for the day was to finish unchanged from Thursday's close in the quietest session since January 2.

The weekly tally of NYSE-listed issues showed 1,115 losers and 721 gainers among the 2,063 traded. There were 349 new highs for the year, against 68 new lows. (AP)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Friday, March 19.

This commentary and selected list of stocks are based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time.

Alfred Chemical	40%	Union Carbide	25%
Aluminum Co.	47%	United Technologies	72%
American Brands	40%	U.S. Steel	57%
American Can	34%	Westinghouse Elec.	82%
American Tel and Tel	56%	Woolworth	15%
Anacosta	25%	Avon Prod.	23%
Bethlehem Steel	43%	Boeing	41%
Chrysler	13%	Boise Cascade	23%
Dupont	14%	Citibank	27%
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Inter. Nickel	33%	McDonalds	14
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New concepts in construction

Innovations are not nurtured in a vacuum but are born from practical need. The Israeli building industry has long suffered from being excessively labour-intensive and from its use of bulky and heavy building materials. Both these factors have contributed to the high cost of housing.

The reliance on the use of concrete and associated materials has left the industry exposed to the high cost of handling of bulky materials and dependence on the vagaries of the weather.

MAJOR DEPARTURE

The first major departure from traditional concepts in the construction of a 50,000-square metre hospital in Jaffa now going on. Designed by A. Yasky and Associates, the skeleton of the hospital is of steel, with all components factory-made and assembled on site. The "open system" of building, as it is known, has the advantage of light weight, speed of erection, and low costs. It is so flexible that parts of the skeleton could be put up before the final plans were finished. Subsequent changes were made as easily as they are made in a child's erector set.

This system is gaining adherents and has been adopted by Shikun UPfash in two large home construction projects. The University of Beersheba has also given the green light to the system in the construction of its administrative and laboratory buildings.

Comparative studies have revealed that under the "open system" it will take 12 months to complete a building that takes 2 1/2 years using the conventional method. It has also been proved that the method is 30 per cent cheaper. National attention was drawn to this system when the crew employed on the Jaffa hospital project was awarded the Kaplan Prize for work efficiency.

The hospital project also uses other relatively new techniques. In recent years PVC linoleum tiles have made some inroads as replacement for the commonly used terrazzo tiles. One disadvantage of PVC floorings, however, is that they are

damaged by burning cigarette butts. The floor of the hospital will be covered with a special synthetic rubber substance which does not have that drawback.

Gypsum boards now produced in Israel by Tagil will be used in the walls. The boards are sandwiched between metal sheets and add their good insulation properties to the structure.

Techniques successfully used overseas often cannot be applied here. A case in point is the growing use of polyester coatings on the outside of buildings. The polyester provides an excellent protective shield against the elements but its sensitivity to ultra-violet rays makes it unsuitable to local conditions. The damage sunshine causes to plastic materials may be seen by inspecting the plastic body of a Sussita car after several seasons of use.

FRAMES AND DOORS

The manufacture of aluminum window frames is so well developed now that it competes favourably with those made from wood. Their durability, ease of care and the fact that they need no painting have made aluminum a number-one material.

Israel-produced doors have succeeded in establishing their quality at home and abroad. The doors produced by Hamaadaya utilize a material which is somewhat similar to formica and thus is easy to care for. Canada has become a good customer for these doors. While they are slightly more expensive than some other types, they compete well with the more expensive ones.

Piping and sanitary installations have also undergone radical changes. Instead of pipes having to be fitted on site, standard size units for the height of one floor, are now available.

Modular kitchen units are slowly replacing those custom-ordered from carpenters. Mass production is reducing prices and assures uniform

quality. Kibbutz Golan for instance, specializes in plastic kitchen cabinets, and is producing a high-quality product.

Heating is perhaps the most backward of all fields. Efforts at replacing conventional radiator heating have not yet been successful.

Much effort is expended by local architects and builders to improve the exterior of buildings. Attempts at the use of colour leave much to be desired but three-dimensional exterior finishes have upgraded the appearance of some surfaces. In the revival of an old method a material commonly known as granolite is used. It consists of a mixture of cement and small stones, which is applied to outer walls and brushed after drying. The resulting effect is an attractive pebble finish. Imitation marble made from fine sand, colouring and polyester plastic is also making an appearance.

Israel has often been faulted for poor administration and planning. While strong on the conceptual side, local builders have been known to forget to order vital components which often resulted in costly delays. The problem is not unique to local builders but in England it has been almost completely solved by the application of computer technology.

COMPUTER PLANNING

Avraham Yasky is the first Israeli architect to use computers for project planning. The computer is first fed complete descriptions of each item used in the building, such as door handles, electrical outlets and pipe fittings. On request the computer will print out the exact quantities of each item required for the whole project. The essence of the system is that the computer sets up classifications, determines quantities and indicates where each item is to be used. The computer has for all practical purposes replaced the blueprint by substituting exact print-out specifications.

The Law Report will appear on this page tomorrow.

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THE FINE LINE

PREPARATIONS for a country-wide strike of Israeli Arabs scheduled for March 30 to protest expropriation of Arab lands in Galilee, are proceeding apace. The authorities who deal with the Arab community in Israel have apparently decided not to interfere but rather to see the strike as an indicator of the direction in which the middle-of-the-road leadership of Israel's Arabs is going.

It would seem advisable at this point to suggest to the heads of the organization of Arab Local Councils who are organizing the strike to pause in their preparations to take stock of the progress they have made in their protest activities to date and to weigh the benefits and pitfalls of escalating these protests in the form of the proposed country-wide strike. For progress there has been: the vociferously articulated opposition to the original expropriation plans, and especially that opposition voiced by the more moderate non-Rakach spokesmen in the Arab community, has left its mark on the Government. The Cabinet itself decided to cut back radically the areas slated for expropriation, and the Lands Authority has — albeit belatedly — begun an energetic search for alternative. State-owned lands in Galilee with which to compensate expropriated Arab landowners who would insist on receiving land rather than money.

These developments provide eloquent and encouraging proof that a new stratum of Arab leadership in Israel has begun to learn the rules of Israeli interest group politics and to apply them in fighting for the legitimate interests of their own communities. This is an encouraging sign for it is a further indicator of the continuing integration of the Arab minority and its leadership into what may seem to constitute an unifying, but nonetheless essential, aspect of Israel's political system. Fighting for one's economic, social and political interests by the way of organized pressure group politics is a legitimate feature of domestic politics throughout the democratic world and certainly in Israel.

There is, however, a fine line dividing such legitimate interest-group politics from that of radical irredentist politics which seeks not the redress of tangible grievances nor support for constructive policies, but the expression of latent and rabid anti-Israeli irredentism. It is easy even for a well-intentioned leadership to lead their followers over this fine line nearly unnoticed. This is a danger of which the Arab leaders who have coalesced around the organization of Arab Local Councils should be aware and avoid while continuing to press their demands for improvements in Arab life, in Galilee and elsewhere, within the permissible limits of democratic politics.

Permitting the radical leadership to commandeer the issues as a wedge leading to the domination of the Arab community by its more volatile elements could only serve to jeopardize the prospects for greater cooperation with the institutions of the state essential for the further advancement of the Arab sector in Israel.

PRICE OF ILLUSIONS

THE QUESTION posed by Mr. Yaron's memorandum (written in the Bank of Israel, and leaked to the press on Friday) is whether current measures to reduce inflation and narrow the trade deficit are severe enough.

The policy of restraint, as applied by Finance Minister Rabinowitz, is subject to two limitations. The first is the limitation of consent. Hardships can be imposed at a certain pace, the pace at which they can be "sold" to a long-suffering public, after prolonged and democratic consultations with the various representative institutions.

The second limitation is the need to avoid unemployment, which can be particularly damaging in a country where the migratory balance is so fluid.

The Government's argument is that it has managed so far, and will go on managing. The crisis got worse with the Yom Kippur War and the subsequent explosion of raw material prices. Therefore recovery takes longer. Resources on hand, including foreign aid, are sufficient to see the economy through till mid-1978, which gives a breathing-space during which a great deal of progress can be accomplished.

The problem is, shall we succeed in bridging the gap left between imports and exports, as the capital inflow ebbs remorselessly with the passage of time? Yaron draws up a frightening balance-sheet, by the simple expedient of using elementary arithmetic. He points out, for example, that visible exports must increase this year by 20 per cent just to defray the extra interest cost of new foreign-currency loans, taken during that same year to make both ends meet.

Mr. Yaron's point is that the public is not awake to the extent of the emergency. This appears to be borne out by statements emanating during the week-end from Mr. Meshel, chief of the Histadrut. He stated that subsidies must remain, and should be at least 25 per cent for essential foods and services. He added that civil service wages do not have to be frozen.

Can a country with a deficit of over \$3,500m. afford to subsidize everybody's breakfast? Is it reasonable — when the National Budget says that living standards must decline by 2-3 per cent in 1976 — to put up civil service wages by 2-3 per cent?

Of course, Meshel is merely giving expression to the resistance he sees among the public of wage-earners he represents.

Some members of that public appreciate the gravity of Israel's situation. There has been a strong outcry among the rank-and-file in Government offices against the Civil Servants' Union's decision to oppose the Barkai committee's wage-trimming proposals.

But not all are so convinced. Professor Ben-Shachar recently criticised the Government for not doing enough to make the nation understand the severity of the emergency it faces. Perhaps Yaron's memorandum — spontaneous as it is, and without any vetting by Government officials — may help to shock more people out of their still-persisting illusions.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON / CHARLES FENTVESI

Sadat and the Superpower chill

THERE WERE fixed smiles all around at an embassy reception as an American and a Soviet diplomat crossed swords over Anwar Sadat's honour and usefulness.

"I guess you have lost Sadat for good," the American said. "You can have him as a friend, the Russian responded," and all your friends should be like him. I hope other Arab leaders will follow Sadat. The more friends like Sadat you have, the better."

"What about Assad," the American countered, "would you like to see him come over to our side?" The Russian switched the conversation to the radiation hazards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. "Remove those listening devices and your people will be fine," he said. "Why don't you remove your listening devices," the American replied, "and we would all be better off."

Perhaps vodka had something to do with the exchange. Or perhaps on both sides the latest instructions call for truculence and confrontation, rather than sweetness and negotiation.

Communist diplomats suggest that the new chill in superpower relations is due to the exigencies of the American presidential campaign. But the most thoughtful among them add they are more to it than that: the Soviets underestimated Kissinger's reaction to Angola. Superpower rivalry has sharpened in the Mideast, and there has emerged a genuine apprehension on the highest levels of the U.S. Government over what the Russians stand

to gain from the kind of détente that evolved these past few years.

American diplomats were not surprised by Sadat's second expulsion of the Russians; Soviet diplomats were taken aback by the abruptness of the move. This is in contrast with the July 1972 humiliation of the Soviets. Then it was the Russians who knew of it in advance and had a prompt, prepared reaction — they acknowledged and minimized the development and American diplomats were caught by surprise. They were reluctant to confirm the news and discouraged any "cold war interpretation" of an American victory.

According to the American account, this past fall and winter the argument over Soviet refusal to send Egypt spare parts and to reschedule debts was increasingly shrill and acrimonious — so much so that Sadat decided that he had no alternative but to save his dignity by abrogating the treaty with Moscow and send home the Soviet navy. In the opinion of Americans close to the scene, the single most important factor in Sadat's decision was the hopelessness of the argument with the unyielding, abrasive Russians — rather than Egyptian hope of a prompt payoff by the U.S.

Sadat's headline-making move has strengthened Kissinger's claim of a major achievement in the Middle East. There are sceptical area experts who feel that the U.S. peacemaking momentum is lost and that Sadat's anti-Russian move will only complicate Arab-Israeli peacemaking.

But in terms of public perceptions, the Soviet setback in Egypt will serve as an example of successful U.S. diplomatic manoeuvring in Sinai and a tough policy vis-à-vis Moscow.

Echoes of the Nixonian threat of "expelling" the Russians from the Mideast are already heard — this time, against the background of a stiffening American position on the issue of détente. Regardless of Sadat's political and personal motives, in the heat of the U.S. presidential campaign, his rupture with the Russians will be portrayed as a victory for the Administration's foreign policy and as an instance of the long-range strategy that has been Kissinger's innovation in the conduct of America's foreign affairs.

There is no indication here how Sadat's move will affect U.S.-Syrian relations. The American courtship of Syria has been intense and, until now, it seemed that the Syrians have been successful in evolving an evenhandedness of their own.

Will Sadat's move inspire stepped-up attempts to wean Syria away from the USSR? Or, will the Soviets be more demanding of manifestations of Syrian loyalty to Moscow? Perhaps both developments are imminent — which would give Syria yet another measure of prestige in the Arab world and confirm the judgment of those Mideast-watchers who believe that Egypt is as good as bankrupt economically and politically, and that Syria, stable economically and resourceful politically, is the rising star in the Arab east.

IN JUNE 1974 a Jewish activist was summoned to an interview with Oleg Knigin, head of the ideological section of a regional party committee in Moscow, who accused him of planning to emigrate to "a Nazi state" — Israel. One of the main items in the long indictment against Israel that Knigin rattled off was the problem of the Arab refugees. The Jewish activist suggested that before going into that matter, they discuss the question of the Crimean Tatars.

The juxtaposition of the two issues is not as strange as it may seem, for Soviet treatment of the Crimean Tatars underscores the hypocrisy of the USSR in championing the cause of the Arab refugees. The case of the Crimean Tatars goes back to World War II. In the beginning of 1944, the Kremlin ordered the transfer of several millions of persons belonging to nationalities accused of collaborating with the Germans. They were living in Caucasus and Crimea, and were deported, in some cases on only two hours' notice, to beyond the Urals. They were sent to these distant areas without any means of subsistence, and many of them died of starvation.

It was only in the late 'fifties that Stalin's successors allowed these nationalities to return to their homes — Balkars, Chechens, Kalmyks, Ingushes, and Karachayevs. The only exception were the Crimean Tatars. No official explanation of this special treatment has even been given, and we can only speculate as to the reason. One guess is the growing Ukrainian nationalism among the Ukrainian leadership (since 1994, Crimea has been part of the Ukrainian Republic). Or it may be that Moscow was reluctant to restore a Moslem population to a strategic area near the Mediterranean.

In any case, not only were the Crimean Tatars denied the right to return to their homes, but they were not officially cleared of the

Refugees within Russia

The Soviet Union, in defending the Arab refugees, does not come to court with clean hands, writes MIKHAIL AGURSKY.

collaboration charges when all the other deported nationalities were. Their rehabilitation came only ten years later.

Since the early 1960s the Crimean Tatars have been fighting for the restoration of their national rights. Some individual Tatars even tried to return to Crimea without official permission. They encountered not only resistance but a new forced exile.

Organized efforts were also launched, and the movement intensified its activities in 1966-67. Group letters were sent to the central committee of the Communist Party, and delegations made their way to Moscow. Before long they gained the support of the new dissident movement in the USSR. General Pyotr Grigorenko was among the personalities who began to give public support to the Crimean Tatars. Grigorenko also established direct contact with their leaders, and often visited Tashkent, the

Uzbekistan capital.

The Soviet authorities struck back with repression. A number of trials took place, resulting in prison terms for many Tatar activists. These included Mustafa Djemileff, a student leader who had been previously imprisoned in 1968. General Grigorenko was kept five years in a mental hospital.

When Djemileff's prison term expired in 1974, he was not given his freedom. A KGB agent appeared at the camp with the order, "Mustafa must not be released." Before long he was accused of a new charge: engaging in anti-Soviet propaganda within the prison camp. This sort of accusation is well-known in the USSR, and a prisoner can be sentenced to many years of additional imprisonment simply for having discussed politics with a fellow prisoner.

Djemileff went on a long hunger strike in the middle of 1975, and his case is still pending. General Grigorenko, after his release from a mental hospital in 1974, has resumed his public support of the Crimean Tatars, and in November 1975 he and his wife Zinaida appealed to world public opinion to save Djemileff's life. They proposed the formation of an international committee to investigate the case.

Grigorenko referred sarcastically to the concerted campaign in Soviet newspapers against the deportation of 1,000 persons from the island of Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean. Without belittling the seriousness of their problem, he says, what about the 600,000 Crimean Tatars who have been deprived of their national territory?

Enough has been said to demonstrate the selectivity of the Soviet Union in taking up the cudgels for the Arab refugees in the Middle East. It is time that the case of this Moslem minority in the USSR was made an international issue, mustering the support of world public opinion.

READERS' LETTERS

TEMPLE MOUNT IS JEWISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Israel correspondent of the CBS on the Voice of America (March 18) informed us that current Arab disturbances in certain towns of the "occupied West Bank" were sparked off by a recent court decision upholding Jewish rights of prayer at the Temple Mount, the "site of the famed Al Aqsa Mosque" — and here comes the gem — "also" regarded as holy ground by the Jews.

Whether facetious, malicious or plain ignorant, such reference to the Temple Mount obscures the fact that the two Jewish Temples stood here for close to a millennium, until finally razed to the ground by the Romans in 70 C.E. During that period, it was the heart of Jewish existence, temporal as well as spiritual. The two Moslem structures, an afterthought of the 7th century C.E., were built there precisely

because of the Temple Mount's paramount sanctity in Judaism. Even so, the site comes a poor third to Mecca and Medina, the two cynosures of Islam. Unfortunately, Israel Government moves, such as the appeal against the above mentioned court decision, only add to the existing confusion. No less perplexing is the Israel Rabbinate's official insistence on the inadmissibility of steps calculated to reassert Jewish presence on any part of the Temple Mount, when the very act of regaining it is known to supersede the ritual prohibition. As a result we have the tragic-comic situation of an Israeli constabulary "protecting" the actual heart of the Jewish title to this country as a de facto Moslem site, against would-be Jewish "intruders."

AVNEE TOMARCHOFF
Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It was most distressing for us to learn of the recent decision of the Israel Government to appeal to the Supreme Court against the judgement of Magistrate Ruth Or to acquit the defendants in the Temple Mount case, and Minister Shlomo Hillel's threat to the effect that, even if found to be legal, Jewish prayer meetings on the Temple Mount may be prevented if the police consider them to be "likely to cause a disturbance of the peace."

As a Zionist movement in the Diaspora, we have our work out in promoting aliyah and presenting the case for Israel as a free and democratic country.

How are we to explain the religious discrimination which permits Moslems to pray on a site venerated

in their religion, but forbids Jews to pray on the same site which is certainly no less holy to them? How are we to encourage aliyah, when prospective immigrants will have to be told that, in addition to the normal difficulties of resettlement, they will have to face a curtailment of their religious freedom — that Jews in a Jewish State may not pray at a Jewish Holy Place.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the Supreme Court will show its wisdom by upholding Magistrate Or's decision permitting Jews religious equality with non-Jews, and that Minister Hillel will not order his police to break up prayer meetings. GEORGE EVNINE
General Secretary,
Herut Movement of
Great Britain
London.

GOLDA'S RETURN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read with great regret in the Hebrew press that certain groups of bereaved parents in Tel Aviv are organizing in order to protest against Mrs. Golda Meir's return to political life.

Fate has unfortunately put me also in the group of parents who have made the greatest sacrifice a nation can demand of its citizens. However, I do not believe that this gives us the right to become spokesmen for the boys who are no longer. All those brave boys, who fell in the Yom Kippur War, fought heroically for Israel and not for a political party. They

went to war unquestioningly when Golda Meir, was our much respected Prime Minister, whose qualities were admired beyond the borders of our state.

Even though I do not belong to Mrs. Meir's party, I believe that we will punish ourselves much more than her by denying her the right to contribute her integrity, wisdom and experience towards a better Israel. I hope that these few lines which many other bereaved parents agree will give Mrs. Meir moral support for many more beneficial years of public service. Tel Aviv. FRED RAPHAEL

JEW OF CHINA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Sasson Jacoby's article on "Jews in Pre-Mao China," (February 20) was really interesting and aroused a lot of memories. The family of my late wife had a long connection with China as my father-in-law, Karl Wolff, and his brother Max went from Breslau, Germany, to set up a flourishing business in Tientsin. It was a department store, World Stores, in Victoria Street. Max Wolff made the purchases in Germany and sent merchandise to China and himself went every second year to China. His brother Max lived in Tientsin and his three sons were born there. This was before World War I.

The sons of Karl Wolff remained in Tientsin until the Communists came and two brothers even remained there with the encouragement of the

Communist authorities, but eventually left for Australia. ERNST MARKOWSKI
Ramat Gan.

"Jews in Sasson Jacoby's article, 'Jews in Pre-Mao China,' was very interesting to me because I lived in Shanghai for about 17 years. My late husband, A. Memelsohn, was there as manager of a German firm in 1931 and I followed him with my late son in 1933. I once worked as a volunteer for the refugees from the many, and later — also as a volunteer — was head of the office of the Joint. With Horace Kadouri, son of Sir Eli, I was on the school board for our refugee children.

ESTHER PULVERMACH
MEMELSDORFF
Ramat Hasharon.

ETHICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your report of March 18, the Koah Kan conference on the quality of life in Israel, you mentioned that one of the workshops dealt with manners and etiquette. In reality, the workshop in question dealt with manners and ethics. Herzliya. MARGARET RUBE

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AL HAMISHMAB (Mapam) feels that Israel's growing isolation in the international community since the Yom Kippur War encouraged extremist elements in the West Bank into believing that the time was ripe for embarking on a violent struggle to embarrass Israel and make its political situation even more difficult. "In addition, recent developments, including the issue of Jewish prayers on the Temple Mount and the expropriation of land in

Galilee, served as pretexts for bringing large numbers of people out into the streets." The paper believes, however, that broad sectors in the West Bank are interested in continued cooperation with the Israel Administration in order to ensure the smooth flow of affairs. The paper concludes by advising the authorities to reduce incitement to a minimum, by refraining from any acts which might fuel the unrest.

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